

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Joel W. Fosselman
YUICHIRO YAMASHITA)	
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Application No.: 10/555,890)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2695
Filed: November 7, 2005)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND IMAGE)	
PICKUP SYSTEM	:	February 27, 2009

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed on January 27, 2009, imposing an election-of-species requirement, which requires the election of one of the following seven species for prosecution in the present application:

- Species 1: Figures 1-5;
- Species 2: Figure 6-7;
- Species 3: Figure 8-9;
- Species 4: Figures 10-14;
- Species 5: Figures 15-16;
- Species 6: Figure 17; and
- Species 7: Figures 18-20.

In response to the election-of-species requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Species 1 in the present application. Presently, Claims 1-4 and 6-11 read on Species 1. Applicant further notes that Claims 1 and 11 are generic to all seven of the above-listed species.

Accordingly, with the election of Species 1, the following claims are withdrawn from consideration: Claims 5 and 12-20. Applicant reserves the right, however, to rejoin these withdrawn claims when generic Claims 1 and 11 are deemed to include allowable subject matter.

An early and favorable examination of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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